

patent application, US 2005/0065516 A1). Figures 12a - 12c represent preferred embodiments of the elected invention covered by claims 39-42. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that the alleged distinct species illustrated in Figures 12a, 12b and 12c are in fact a single species and that claims 39-42 should be examined together.

Should the Examiner agree with the Applicants' traversal of the restriction, the Examiner is authorized to ignore the withdrawal of claims 40-42.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants request reconsideration of the restriction requirement and examination of the elected subject matter, claim 39, or claims 39-42 if the Examiner agrees with Applicants' traversal, on the merits.

In the unlikely event that the transmittal form is separated from this document and the Patent Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, Applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorize the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing attorney docket no. 559552000100. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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